

MENTAL HEALTH

School closures and parents' mental health

School closures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have had a big impact on families. School closures have had a significant effect on children's behavioural and emotional difficulties research on their effect on parents has not been undertaken. This report estimates the effect of school closures on parental mental health.

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Trying something new: Improving boys' and young men's mental health through sports and creative activities

Boys and young men can face multiple barriers to accessing mental health support including stigma around seeking help, concerns around showing vulnerability, and negative attitudes towards services. The report finds that embedding mental health support in sporting and creative activities can engage boys and young men who might find traditional services less welcoming or relevant.

Research: [Link](#)

Video Q&A about the research: [Link](#)

AGE FRIENDLY

#AgeingWithPride

To mark Pride Month 2021, the Centre for Ageing Better have gathered stories from a number of older LGBT+ people to share their perspectives on inequality, community and how attitudes towards LGBT+ people have changed.

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ALCOHOL

New study finds that Minimum Unit Price of 50p on alcohol has positive lasting impact

A new study has shown that a '50p per unit' policy on alcohol prices in Scotland is having a lasting impact on reducing consumption in some of the heaviest-drinking households.

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COVID-19

VacciNation: exploring vaccine confidence with people from African, Bangladeshi, Caribbean and Pakistani backgrounds living in England

This report explores vaccine confidence among people from African, Bangladeshi, Caribbean and Pakistani backgrounds living in the UK. Its research uncovered five ways to increase public confidence: allow for agency; independence of institutions; focus on transparency; localise the approach; and address ambiguity.

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COMMUNITIES

Community responses to COVID-19 in Greater Manchester

How have communities across Greater Manchester responded to the COVID-19 pandemic? What new ways of working together and caring for each other have developed as a result? Watch this event, hosted by Policy@Manchester, which featured a panel of guest speakers with first-hand experience of community responses and the lessons we can learn.

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